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SUBJ: ROMANIAN JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

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1. WE DID NOT DEVELOP MUCH MORE ON JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM
AMBASSADOR'S TALKS WITH KARLIKOW OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH
COMMITTEE AND RABBI ROSEN.

2. KARLIKOW, WHO HAD COME TO BUCHAREST FROM ISRAEL,
SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT FEELINGS IN ISRAEL ABOUT
THE LEVEL OF EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA WERE "MIDDLING."
HE SAID HE MEANT THIS IN THE SENSE THAT NO ONE WAS
REALLY SATISFIED BUT ON THE OTHER HAND NO ONE WAS OVERLY
EXCITED EITHER OVER THE PERIODIC UPS AND DOWNS. IN
HIS JUDGMENT THE ISRAELIS LOOKED MORE AT THE ANNUAL FIGURE
AND WORRIED ABOUT LOW MONTHLY STATISTICS ONLY WHEN
THEY SEEMED TO REFLECT A CONTINUING TREND. ALTHOUGH
HE NOTED THAT ISRAELIS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE MORE
ROMANIAN JEWS WOULD LEAVE FOR ISRAEL WITH AN EASING
IN RESTRICTIONS HERE, HE ALSO SENSED NO WILLINGNESS
YET ON THE ISRAELI PART TO TAKE UP CASES ON AN
INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

3. RABBI ROSEN COMMENTED AS HE HAS ON OTHER OCCASIONS,
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THAT MOST OF THE JEWS WHO STILL WANT TO LEAVE ARE
NOT GOING OUT OF STRONG PRO-ISRAELI OR JEWISH SENTI-
MENTS BUT BASICALLY TO BETTER THEIR LOT AND EMI-
GRATION TO ISRAEL IS THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT. AS A
CONSEQUENCE HE FEELS THAT A PERSON IS NOW
MORE APT TO WAIT AND SEE RATHER THAN RUSH; THUS

IF THINGS ARE UPSET IN THE MIDDLE EAST THE NUMBERS
OF APPLICATIONS STAYS LOW. HE ADDED HE KNEW OF
SOME CASES WHERE APPROVAL WAS STILL NOT
FORTHCOMING,
BUT OTHERS WHERE IT HAD COME THROUGH. IN GENERAL
HE SAID HE SAW NO REAL CHANGE.

4. COMMENT: HAVING MADE THE POINT AD NAUSEUM TO
THE ROMANIANS ABOUT THE RISKS OF PRE-MFN LULLS AND
SPURTS, WE SEE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY ANOTHER
APPEAL HERE AT LEAST UNTIL A DOWN TREND SEEMS
CLEARLY ESTABLISHED. TO PREPARE FOR THAT DAY
IF IS SHOULD COME, WE BELIEVE ENOUGH TIME HAS
GONE PAST TO PRESS THE ISRAELIS AGAIN TO GIVE US
MORE PRECISE INFORMATION THAN THEY HAVE BEEN
WILLING TO DO SO FAR (76 STATE 306447, 76 BUCHAREST 06711).
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